Deteriorating conditions of labourers in unorganised sectror

†1814. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees working under the organized and unorganized sectors, separately;

(b) whether Government have assessed the constantly deteriorating working conditions of labourers in unorganized sector; and

(c) if so, what measures are being taken to improve the conditions of labourers of unorganized sector under the current scheme?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) Estimated employments in organised and unorganised sector during 1999-2000 were of the order of 2.8 crore and 36.9 crore respectively.

(b) and (c) The Government carries out surveys on the working and living conditions of unorganised sector workers in selected industries/ occupations from time to time. The Government has taken several steps to improve the lot of the unorganised workers. The Government has set up five welfare funds to provide social security to the specified unorganised workers such as beedi workers, cine workers and certains non-coal mine workers to provide healthcare, housing, educational assistance for children, drinking water etc. These schemes are in addition to the poverty alleviation schemes/employment generation programmes being implemented by the Government. The Janshree Bima Yojana provide life insurance protection to the rural and urban poor persons including unorganised workers who are below and marginally above poverty line. Recently, the Government has launched Universal Health Insurance Scheme and Varishath Pension Bima Yojana, which will amongst others cover the unorganized workers also. Further, social protection to the unorganized workers is also available under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP).

Disbursement of fund from EPF

†1815. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that profit is made by disbursement of funds from EPF through different means;

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(b) if so, the means through which funds have been disbursed till September, 2003 alongwith the amount so disbursed, separately; and

(c) the annual profit estimated to be earned by each of the said means?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) No, Sir. Employees' Provident Fund Organization is not making profit by disbursement of funds from Employees' Provident Fund (EPF). The Employees' Provident Funds Organization is a statutory trust and not a profit-making organization. Funds are invested in accordance with instructions issued by the Ministry of Finance from time-to-time and payment is made in accordance with provisions of the schemes framed under the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Non-payment of compensation of employees

1816. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain private companies are not compensating for their employees who lose their lives at work places;

(b) whether recently an employee died due to negligence of Management of Usha Fab Private Ltd. 876/5 Udyog Vihar, Phase-5, Gurgaon;

(c) whether the company has paid any compensation to the family of the employees; and

(d) if not, the action taken by Government against the company?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has not received any report about death of an employee in the said factory and no compensation claim has been filed by anybody before ESI Corporation.